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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPLY TO LETTER ADDRESSED TO CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION REQUESTING EXTENSION OF TWA'S TEMPORARY PERMIT UNTIL SOME TIME IN SECOND HALF OF YEAR, WHEN CONSULTATIONS COULD BE UNDERTAKEN (REFTELS). AS WAS ANTICIPATED, EGYPTIANS ARE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT POSTPONEMENT UNTIL UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE, AND, FURTHER, ARE EVIDENTLY UNWILLING TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF PERMIT BEYOND MARCH 31 EXPIRATION DATE.

2. TEXT OF LETTER, FROM YEHIA EL SHINNAWI, FOLLOWS:

QUOTE SUBJECT: OPERATION OF T.W.A. FLIGHTS

DEAR SIR,

REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER DATED 31 JAN., 1976, CONCERNING YOUR REQUEST THAT WE CONTINUE TO POSTPONE IMPOSING ANY RESTRICTIONS ON CURRENT TWA FLIGHT OPERATIONS FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS, AND TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BOTH GOVERNMENTS IN THE LATTER HALF OF 1976.

QUOTE I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THIS ORGANIZATION

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IS ALWAYS READY TO RENDER EVERY ASSISTANCE FOR TWA IN ITS

OPERATION TO CAIRO AND TO COOPERATE WITH YOU TO THAT EFFECT.
 QUOTE IT WAS, REALLY, IN THE LIGHT OF THIS SPIRIT THAT THE
 EGYPTIAN DELEGATION DURING THE LAST ROUND OF NEGOTIATION, AGREED
 THAT TWA CONTINUE ITS OPERATION TO CAIRO WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS UNTIL
 31 MARCH 1976 IN SPITE OF THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT SUFFERED BY EGYPT-
 AIR DUE TO THIS OPERATION.

QUOTE REFERRING TO THE STATISTICS ENCLOSED HERewith WE FIND THAT
 THE FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC RIGHTS EXERCISED BY TWA ON SECTORS
 CAI/ROM E/CAI
 AND CAI/ATHENS/CAI COMPEL US NOT TO
 CONTINUE WITH THE SUSPENSION OF THE RESTRICTIONS AFTER 31 MARCH 1976
 ON TWA FLIGHTS, THEREFORE WE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION
 WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET WITH US IN CAIRO BEFORE THAT DATE IN ORDER
 TO REVIEW THE SITUATION IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION
 EVER EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF AIR
 TRANSPORT, AND IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY HARM TO EITHER EGYPT AIR
 OR TWA.

QUOTE ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

/S/ E. Y. EL-SHINNAWI, CHAIRMAN, CIVIL AVIATION
 AUTHORITY.

STATISTICS

QUOTE ENCLSOE: FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 1975

CITIES	AIR CARRIER	PASSENGERS	FREQUENCY
	ARR. DEP	ARR DEP	
ATHENS	EGYPT-AIR	2766 2460	62 62
	OLYMPIC	6735 6455	54 54
	TWA	8773 7916	183 182
	OTHER CARRIERS		
	(13)	10180 10034	791 803
ROME	EGYPT-AIR	6103 6093	109 105
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ALITALIA	13273 9877	178 178	
	TWA	6144 8299	183 182
	OTHER CARRIERS		
	(6)	2405 1867	183 146

END QUOTE

4. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SOME ACTION ON PART OF USG WILL BE REQUIRED IF TWA IS NOT TO LOSE A SIGNIFICANT SHARE OF ITS REVENUE EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, WITH POSSIBLE RESULT OF REDUCATION IN SERVICE (AS COMPANY HAS PREVIOUSLY THREATENED). THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY A NUMBER OF COURSES OF ACTION TO CONSIDER, BUT IT APPEARS TO US THAT CONSULTATIONS ON SUBJECT ARE CERTAINLY HIGH ON LIST.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON FOR THIS PURPOSE, IF THAT WOULD ASSIST IN RESOLVING PROBLEM OF US NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE MENTIONED REF B. PLEASE ADVISE.
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